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Sir:

This is in response to the office action mailed November 11, 2003, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response which expired on February 13, 2003, and which has been extended for three (3) additional months to May 13, 2004.

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